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H. R. 2916

To authorize the President to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to the passengers and crew of United Airlines flight 93 in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEARNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Honoring the Pas-
5 sengers and Crew of United Flight 93 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked
2 4 separate airliners with the intention of using the
3 planes as weapons to kill innocent Americans and
4 destroy American landmarks and institutions;

5 (2) at 8:44 am, United Airlines Flight 93 took
6 off from Newark, New Jersey, destined for San
7 Francisco, California, and was hijacked by 4 terror-
8 ists shortly after take off;

9 (3) it is widely presumed that the terrorists who
10 took control of United Airlines Flight 93 intended to
11 use the aircraft as a weapon and crash it into the
12 United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.;

13 (4) in cellular phone conversations with their
14 loved ones, several passengers learned that 3 hi-
15 jacked aircraft were used as weapons against the
16 World Trade Center and the Pentagon;

17 (5) the passengers and crew of United Airlines
18 Flight 93 recognized the potential danger and indi-
19 cated their intent to take heroic and noble action to
20 ensure that the aircraft they were aboard could not
21 be used as a weapon;

22 (6) it is believed that in an act of selfless cour-
23 age and supreme sacrifice, the crew and passengers
24 of United Airlines Flight 93 fought to recapture the
25 aircraft from the terrorists; and

1 (7) United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in a
2 sparsely populated area near Shanksville, Pennsyl-
3 vania, at 10:10 a.m., September 11, 2001, undoubt-
4 edly saving countless lives in the Nation's Capital.

5 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

6 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized,
8 on behalf of the Congress, to award posthumously a
9 gold medal of appropriate design to each of—

10 (A) the United Airlines Flight 93 crew
11 members—

12 (i) Lorraine G. Bay;

13 (ii) Sandra W. Bradshaw;

14 (iii) Jason Dahl;

15 (iv) Wanda A. Green;

16 (v) LeRoy Homer;

17 (vi) CeeCee Lyles; and

18 (vii) Deborah A. Welsh; and

19 (B) the United Airlines Flight 93
20 passengers—

21 (i) Christian Adams;

22 (ii) Todd Beamer;

23 (iii) Alan Beaven;

24 (iv) Mark Bingham;

25 (v) Deora Bodley;

- 1 (vi) Marion Britton;
- 2 (vii) Thomas E. Burnett, Jr.;
- 3 (viii) William Cashman;
- 4 (ix) Georgine Rose Corrigan;
- 5 (x) Joseph Deluca;
- 6 (xi) Patrick Driscoll;
- 7 (xii) Edward Felt;
- 8 (xiii) Colleen Fraser;
- 9 (xiv) Andrew Garcia;
- 10 (xv) Jeremy Glick;
- 11 (xvi) Kristin Gould;
- 12 (xvii) Lauren Grandcolas;
- 13 (xviii) Donald F. Greene;
- 14 (xix) Linda Gronlund;
- 15 (xx) Richard Guadagno;
- 16 (xxi) Toshiya Kuge;
- 17 (xxii) Hilda Marcin;
- 18 (xxiii) Waleska Martinez;
- 19 (xxiv) Nicole Miller;
- 20 (xxv) Louis J. Nacke;
- 21 (xxvi) Donald Peterson;
- 22 (xxvii) Mark Rothenberg;
- 23 (xxviii) Christine Snyder;
- 24 (xxix) John Talignani;
- 25 (xxx) Honor Elizabeth Wainio; and

1 (xxxi) 3 additional heroes whose fami-
2 lies have requested that their names be
3 withheld.

4 (2) MODALITIES.—The modalities of presen-
5 tation of the medals struck under this Act shall be
6 determined by the President, after consultation with
7 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
8 Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the
9 Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House of
10 Representatives.

11 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
12 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
13 of the Treasury shall strike gold medals with suitable em-
14 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
15 Secretary.

16 **SEC. 4. STATUS AS NATIONAL MEDALS.**

17 The medals struck under this Act are national medals
18 for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

19 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
21 retary of the Treasury such sums as may be necessary
22 to carry out this Act.

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